1098. [*Transferred to the 17th March, 1994*]

Unicef's report regarding child health

1099. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL :

SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIA

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have examined the UNICEF'S World's children's 1994 report released in January, 1994 under which it has been revealed that 8 million children die every year for just five diseases;

(b) if so, whether according to these reports the vast majority of these children live in the poor countries;

(c) if so, whether UNICEF Director has decided to launch a 'Final Offensive' for eradication of these disease ; and

(d) if so, what action Government propose to take to meet the situation ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) UNICEF, inter alia, aims to eliminate neonatal tetanus by 1995, to eradicate polio, reduce measles cases by 90% deaths by 95%, achieve and maintain at least 90% immunization coverage of infants and immunization against tetanus for all women in child bearing years, to reduce deaths due to diarrhoea by half, reduce its incidence by 25%, and to reduce deaths due to pneumonia by one third by the year 2000.

(d) Immunization programme is being implemented against vaccine prevebtable disease. Appropriate management of cases of diarrhoea and pneumonia is being promoted under the child Survival and Safe Motherhood Programme.

Dumping of toric waste in Asia by Industallised countries

1100. SHRI CHATURANAN MISRA
SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD :

Will the Minister of ENVRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to stated :

(a) whether it is a fact that Toxic Waste from industrialised countries is being dumped in Asia under the guise of recycling:

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned. "West dumping wast in Asia" which appeared in the Indian Express dated 3rd February. 1994 in this regard, and

(c) if so, the details and what precautions are being taken or have been taken to prevent such dumpiug in our country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMALNATH) : (a) and (b) Some, newspaper reports allege that toxic wastes are being exported from the industrialised countries to Asia However, the extent of the veracity of these reports is not clear.

(c) Goverument of India have notified the Hazardous Wastes (Management and Handling) Rules, 1989 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Accordingly to these rules, import of hazardous wastes from any country to India is not permitted for dumping and disposal. However, import of such wastes may be allowed for processing or reuse as raw materials, after examining each case on merit.

Education on aids in schools

1101. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the UNESCO Regional Planing Seminar on "AIDS and Education within the School System" was held in New Delhi in January, 1994 as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 12th January, 1994;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the recommendations made at the said Saminar ,

(c) what special measures have been taken by Government of India so far to prevent the spreading of this disease indicating whether any isolated AIDS education packages have been developed in India for imparting the required information to college/school going students; and

(d) what budgetary allocations have been made during 1994-95 for such programmes ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It was recommended, that by the end of 1994, every country in the region should develop a clear written policy on : AIDS